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Page arrested for coke in New York

ON BAIL Sixteen years ago, Barenaked Ladies front man Steven Page wondered what he'd do if he had $1,000,000 in the breakout song that made him famous.

It turns out, he's having to spend some of it on bail.

Page, 38, was arrested in an apartment in New York State on Friday after being charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance when police allegedly found cocaine and marijuana.

He was released after posting $10,000 for bail, CTV reports.

Two women were also charged with drug offences.

They are all scheduled to appear in court on July 17.

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Marie Pamiano, 23, hands out information booklets on anorexia outside the Vancouver Art Gallery yesterday.

Eating disorders in need of treatment programs: Moms

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Not every suicide note looks like a suicide note.

That's the message of a new campaign, launched yesterday in Vancouver, to raise awareness about eating disorders and the desperate need for treatment programs.

Dolores Elliott, co-founder of The Looking Glass Foundation, a local organization founded by mothers of children with eating disorders, said the clues to an eating disorder aren't always what you expect.

The Foundation plans to open Canada's first residential care centre for the professional treatment of adolescents with eating disorders.

What may seem like common behaviour, Elliott said, like tracking weight on a calendar or keeping a diary of calorie consumption, might be an indication of a deadly disease.

Elliott said the goal of the campaign is to make people see anorexia and bulimia through the eyes of its victims and dispel the myth that having an eating disorder is a choice.

Deborah Grimm said having an anorexic daughter was "the single most terrifying experience" of her life.

deadly illness

Eating disorders are the deadliest of all mental illnesses, according to The Looking Glass Foundation.

"We were told that she was on the road to death," Grimm said. "For the longest time I … thought she could snap out of it.

"It is not a choice … it's not a phase they're going through. This is an illness that requires early intervention and special care."

Laura Parker, 21, developed bulimia when she was 12 and said it totally consumed her.

"You can't just stop," she said. "It's an addiction, it's a disease. You can't wake up one morning and decide you're not going to have it."

Parker said she received almost no help from B.C.'s health-care system and hospital wait lists were up to two years.

"This is (happening) every day, girls not eating," she said. "Until people realize the severity of (the disease) it's never going to get solved."

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Vancouver leads country in signs of social rudeness, vandalism

STUDY Vancouver is the country's leader in what criminologists call incivility — or the signs of crime — disruptions that range from drug dealing to vandalism and street litter, according to a Statistics Canada study released yesterday.

The report, Perceptions Of Incivility In The Metropolitan Landscape, found that Vancouver has the highest percentage of complaints of any big Canadian city.

While around 20 per cent of Canadians perceived at least one type of social incivility to be a problem in their neighbourhood, 26 per cent of Vancouverites saw a problem where they lived.

Ten per cent of Vancouverites perceived litter and 15 per cent saw graffiti as an issue in the city, compared to nine per cent and 11 per cent of Canadians respectively.

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Rick checks out a Batmobile

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Many still in the dark downtown

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Watch extended video selections from Omar Khadr's Guantanamo interrogation at *metronews.ca*.

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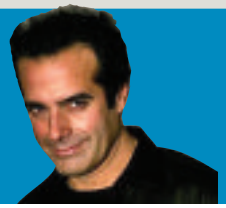

Tickets appear this weekend

Illusionist David Copperfield, left, announced a return to Vancouver in October for seven performances. His show, Grand Illusion, includes making audience members disappear and re-appear as well as think they won the lottery. Ticket sales begin this weekend.

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Outage spills into Day 3

80% of businesses expected to have power back today

JOYCE YIP
for Metro Vancouver

Hundreds of businesses in downtown Vancouver, including some of the city's largest hotels, are without electricity for a third day after an underground fire that caused a massive power outage.

As of yesterday afternoon, about 60 per cent of the 2,200 customers left in the dark had their power restored, according to Susan Danard, B.C. Hydro spokesperson. Approximately 80 per cent of customers were expected to be energized overnight as crews worked around the clock. The remaining customers aren't expected to regain power until tonight.

Gary Rodford, B.C. Hydro senior vice-president of field operations, said a failed splice caught on fire damaging 14 circuits inside the underground vault at Richards and Pender streets.

"All we know is that the fire was not caused by an overload," Rodford said. "We're mainly just focused on getting the power up."

While some hotels relied on stressed-out back-up generators some small business owners struggled.

Convenience store owner Nazim Khan, who could only do cash sales, said he has lost about $3,000 worth of business since the blackout.

Shelley Klassen, owner of Blushing Boutique on Richards Street, held a "50 per cent off" Blackout Sale yesterday.

"We've put some racks outside so people know we're open," she said. "We're in the middle of the designing deadline, so we're also working in the backroom with flashlights."

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B.C. Hydro's Gary Rodford yesterday shows a photo of the underground circuits damaged by Monday's fire.

White Pages are out ... and in the recycling bins?

LISTINGS The new Telus White Pages with residential listings for Metro Vancouver are out — and piling up in lobbies and recycling bins as people increasingly turn to online services.

Vancouver resident Tyee Cook, 24, said he's never used the White Pages.

"I've got four copies but I've put them in the corner of my apartment," he said. "I'll give them to my building manager and they'll be recycled."

Richard Smith, a professor at Simon Fraser University's School of Communication, said the heavy tomes are becoming outdated.

"Computerization is better and it's not just online ... mobile phones allow people (to) keep their list (of numbers)."

Asami Fujii, 27, said he prefers online services.

"I use the Internet ... it's easy ... I got the new one (White Pages) yesterday but I put it back in the lobby."

Annie Marsolais, director of corporate communications at the Yellow Pages Group, Telus White Pages' publisher, believes there's still people using the books.

"There's a dual usage, using both paper and online," she said, adding there are no plans to discontinue the lists, even though Telus' online directory is the seventh most popular site in Canada. JOYCE YIP/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

CANUCKS Joey Kenward, voice of the Vancouver Giants, will take over play-by-play broadcasts for the Vancouver Canucks on the Team 1040, the Giants announced yesterday. Former Team 1040 play-by-play broadcaster John Shorthouse is taking over television play-by-play on Sportsnet.

MISSING The 16-year-old Chinese student who disappeared after leaving his homestay for a walk on Saturday has still not been found, police said yesterday. Guowen Weng arrived in Vancouver for a two-week summer course six hours before his disappearance.

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Fire threat prompts plane request

B.C. Forest Service has requested four aircrafts from the Yukon as the fire threat increased this summer. Since April, provincial crews have responded to 762 fires — about 41 per cent were caused by lightning strikes and 57 per cent by people. METRO VANCOUVER

U.S. deserter deported after ruling

REMOVED The first of some 200 Americans who deserted the U.S. military and sought refugee status in Canada to protest the Iraq War was deported yesterday.

Robin Long, 25, was removed a day after a Federal Court judge in Vancouver rejected his claim that he would suffer irreparable harm if returned to the United States. He fled across the border in 2005 as his army tank unit was preparing to deploy to Iraq.

Long's supporters staged a small demonstration yesterday at the Peace Arch border crossing.

"We may be small, but we represent a large body of people who disagree with what happened," said Sarah Bjorknas of the War Resisters Support Campaign.

Opponents of granting refugee status to deserters argue that, unlike during the Vietnam War, the United States does not now have a military draft and members of its military are volunteers who know the potential risks. REUTERS

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Kara Lang, right, and other members of Canada's national women's team are introduced yesterday morning at Kinsmen field in North Vancouver.

Allen regains spot

Olympic women's soccer team introduced

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On the last day in May, after a year spent rehabbing her broken leg, Pitt Meadows' Amber Allen stepped onto the pitch and began her fight to regain a place on Canada's women's soccer team.

"It's taken a heck of a long time to get here," said Allen, after she was singled out yesterday in North Vancouver by coach Even Pellerud as he introduced his team of 18 who are heading to the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

"The last injury I sustained was particularly challenging, more so than in previous years. I know that there were time periods where I did not even consider soccer in my life anymore."

The 32-year-old forward made her national team debut in 2002 but damaged her ACL prior to the 2003 FIFA Women's World Cup. She rehabbed from that but soon found herself back on the sidelines with a stress fracture.

She rebounded again, but suffered a major setback while preparing for the 2007 World Cup, breaking her left tibia.

Olympic cyclists in Gastown race

SPORTS At least four Canadian Olympic cyclists will be among 200 racers speeding through Gastown's brick-lined streets today during one of B.C.'s premier bicycle races.

Olympic hopefuls Erinne Willock, Gina Grain, Svein Tuft and Zach Bell will be among those taking part in the annual Tour de Gastown — a fast 1.2-kilometre course that features a wild hairpin turn at the junction of Water and Cordova streets.

The race will be one of the Olympians' final stops on their road to the Beijing Games, Aug. 8 to 24.

"These are probably the best fields we've ever had for the race," event director Jonathan Wornell said in a release. "Last year's men's and women's champions are returning to defend their titles."

The 36-kilometre women's race starts at 6:15 p.m. and the 50-kilometre men's race begins at 7:30 p.m. The opening ceremonies are at 5:45 p.m.

The race, which has prize money totalling $15,000, is expected to draw around 40,000 spectators. It is the centrepiece of the B.C. Super Week bike race series. JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

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Lee Darling of North Vancouver takes part in the 2006 Tour de Gastown.

News in brief

GARBAGE West Vancouver joined North Vancouver in abolishing overnight curbside garbage in residential neighbourhoods, news1130.com reports. Banning garbage from the curb before 5:30 a.m. on pickup days is an attempt to decrease the number of bears in residential areas. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Canadians help chain build homes
More than $230,000 was raised in support of Habitat for Humanity through Home Depot's annual nationwide Buy a House, Build a Home campaign. The money raised through the campaign is enough to build 230 bedrooms. METRO CANADA

Canada

Police seek Roth impostor

Ontario Provincial Police are on the lookout for David Kuntz. The Cambridge, Ont., man was pulled over for speeding on May 23 outside Brantford, Ont., and claimed to be Van Halen frontman David Lee Roth, left. Officers took Kuntz, who was suffering from a severe allergic reaction to nuts, to a hospital. Afterward, Kuntz took two nurses to a local bar where he performed, as Roth, with the house band. METRO CANADA

Khadr staying put, say Tories

Video doesn't affect Canada's position

Pressure is mounting for Ottawa to bring Omar Khadr back to Canada following the release of a 2003 videotape showing the then 16-year-old being interrogated in Guantanamo by CSIS agents.

"It's shameful, beyond disgraceful that he hasn't been returned," said NDP critic MP Wayne Marston (Hamilton East-Stoney Creek), his voice at times cracking with emotion after watching the video.

Khadr's Canadian lawyers said their client is a scared young man who deserves to come home.

"This kid has suffered enough. This kid needs to come home."
Dennis Edney, lawyer

"The tapes do not show a dangerous terrorist, but instead a frightened, wounded Canadian boy pleading for help from Canadian officials," Nathan Whitling told reporters at his Edmonton law office.

"This kid has suffered enough. This kid needs to come home. This kid is not a terrorist," said lawyer Dennis Edney.

But the Conservative government is not budging: Khadr is staying put, said Conservative MP Deepak Obhrai (Calgary East), parliamentary secretary to Foreign Affairs Minister David Emerson.

"We got assurance from the government of the U.S. that he will be treated humanely and we are waiting for the legal process to carry on. One must understand that Mr. Khadr does face serious charges," Obhrai told CBC. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Calgary **Newborn reunion**

ROBIN KUNKA/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Calgary firefighter Gord Toothe reunites with one-week old Lucas Welz, whom Toothe delivered in an emergency call at a Calgary home last week. Toothe estimates he's now delivered around 25 babies.

News in brief

GAMBLING Canada and the United States should legalize and regulate online gambling to contain its potentially harmful effects because players tend to bet more frequently and aggressively than they do in casinos, a study released on yesterday says. The study — conducted jointly by academics of the University of Western Ontario in Canada and the University of Nevada at Las Vegas — found that online gambling is readily accessible via the Internet even though it is outlawed or in a "legal grey area" in United States and Canada.
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STAMPEDE Calgary cops are crediting a community effort for an almost 50 per cent decrease in incidents at the Calgary Stampede. Police responded to 56 incidents including assault and theft during the 2008 Stampede, a 47 per cent decrease from the year before, Insp. Guy Slater said. METRO CALGARY

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Blair cancels trip to Gaza

A security threat forced Middle East envoy Tony Blair to cancel a trip to the Gaza Strip yesterday that would have marked the highest-level diplomatic visit since Hamas took control. REUTERS

World

$1,000 a week on beer

An Australian man convicted of his seventh drink-driving charge was spending about A$1,000 ($982) a week on beer — enough to buy more than 2,500 small bottles a month, a newspaper said yesterday. The heartbroken construction worker began drowning his sorrows after breaking up with his partner five years ago, the Northern Territory News said.

40 dead in bombings

Suicide attack aimed at Iraqi army

Bombers killed around 40 people and wounded scores in several attacks in northern Iraq yesterday, days after the government vowed to expand a crackdown against militants in a region where al Qaeda retains influence.

In the worst attacks, two suicide bombers killed 27 people and wounded 68 when they blew themselves up outside an army recruitment centre in Baquba, 65 kilometres northeast of Baghdad, an Iraqi security source said.

The U.S. military said 20 recruits were killed and 55 wounded, saying the attackers blew themselves up in a line of men outside the centre in Baquba, capital of Diyala province.

"What's happening here is the enemy knows the government and security forces are getting stronger."
Major Peggy Kageleiry

Sunni Islamist al Qaeda has sought to stoke tensions in Iraq's ethnically and religiously mixed northern cities, such as Diyala and Mosul, after military campaigns pushed its militants out of former strongholds in western Anbar province and Baghdad.

It has often targeted Iraqi forces and new recruits.

Iraqi security forces are poised to launch a major crackdown in Diyala, the Interior Ministry said on Sunday, the latest military operation aimed at stabilizing the country.

A similar strike against al Qaeda in Mosul has helped cut violence there by half since it was launched in May, the U.S. military says.

Recent bombings could be al Qaeda's way of showing it is still a threat, despite improving security, U.S. officials say.

"What's happening here is the enemy knows the government and security forces are getting stronger," said Major Peggy Kageleiry, a spokeswoman for the U.S. military in northern Iraq.

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Down Under **Religious texts**

TIM WIMBORNE/REUTERS

A World Youth Day participant checks her mobile phone outside St. Mary's cathedral in Sydney yesterday. Pope Benedict XVI texted thousands of young pilgrims in Sydney yesterday urging them to renew the faith as they gathered for the church's largest youth festival.

Prisoner swap set for today

MIDDLE EAST Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah guerrilla group were set to swap prisoners today two years after the two sides fought a month-long war.

Under a deal mediated by a German intelligence officer, Israel was to free five prisoners in exchange for two soldiers captured by Hezbollah guerrillas in a 2006 cross-border raid, who are widely presumed dead, government officials said.

Israel will also hand over the bodies of 200 Arabs killed while infiltrating northern Israel, and Hezbollah will return the remains of Israeli soldiers killed in south Lebanon.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said it had been asked by both Israel and Hezbollah to arrange the exchange, due to begin around 9:00 a.m. local time today, in a complex process that could take hours.

Hezbollah was expected to hand over the soldiers, and only after they were identified, Israel would begin to free prisoners and guerrillas' remains to Lebanon, Israeli media said.

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Report

Iran says no more talks about nukes

LETTER Iran has told big powers it will enter no more "condescending" talks meant to scrap its nuclear program but wants to negotiate a broader peace and security deal, according to an Iranian letter leaked yesterday.

The July 4 letter, published on a French weekly's website and verified by diplomatic sources, was Iran's response to an improved incentives package from the six powers aimed at halting a uranium enrichment programme they fear could yield atom bombs.

REUTERS

News in brief

REBELS UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in a new report that he was very worried that a Sudanese rebel group active in the country's war-ravaged Darfur region appeared to be using child soldiers.

TERRORISM Chinese forces in Kashgar in the restive far western region of Xinjiang have so far this year broken up 12 overseas-based terrorist cells, a report on a government website said yesterday. The report named the East Turkestan Islamic Movement and Hizb ut-Tahrir as two of the groups involved.

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Sony unveils 80-gigabyte PlayStation 3
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GM to cut staff at HQ

Hundreds of General Motors Canada head office staff may be laid off over the next several months as part of a restructuring effort to get the automotive giant back to profitability.

"We don't have a figure yet, but the initial thinking is that this may be modest."
Stew Low

The company said yesterday that it plans to reduce labour costs for salaried workers by 20 per cent, further slash truck production and eliminate its quarterly dividend.

GM CEO Rick Wagoner told employees in Detroit the auto-maker would also offer buyout and early retirement packages and freeze base pay for salaried employees through 2009.

The goal to save $15 billion US in costs worldwide by the end of 2009 will ultimately have an impact on Canada, said General Motors spokesperson Stew Low.

"The numbers could be in the hundreds or even less. We don't have a figure yet, but the initial thinking is that this may be modest." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

RATES The Bank of Canada bowed to inflation fears and held its interest rate at 3 per cent. Consumer prices could climb above 4 per cent this year for the first time since 2003, the bank said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

ETHANOL Royal Dutch Shell has nearly doubled its ownership in Ottawa-based cellulosic-ethanol producer Iogen Energy Corp. and is "considering" investing in a full-scale commercial ethanol plant based on Iogen's proprietary technology. Cellulosic ethanol is made from non-food feedstock. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Sports

Drake calls it a career

Veteran forward Dallas Drake, left, has decided to go out a winner and will retire after winning the Stanley Cup with Detroit in his 15th NHL season. In 1,009 career regular-season games with the Red Wings, the Winnipeg/Phoenix franchise and the St. Louis Blues, Drake registered 177 goals with 300 assists for 477 points. Metro News Services

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Lumsden making CFL history

Tiger-Cats star dominating at running back like no other Canadian before him

YorkReport

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Some time in the second quarter of the Tiger-Cats' loss to the Saskatchewan Roughriders the other day, as I sat in the upper deck of Ivor Wynne Stadium on one of those barbaric backless benches (ouch!), it occurred to me that there has never in CFL history been a Canadian running back quite as dominant as Hamilton's Jesse Lumsden is these days.

And I mean never ever.

"He's an animal," observed linebacker JoJuan Armour of the Calgary Stampeders. "He's one of the best backs I've ever seen. He has the body of a guy that will run through you, but he can still make you miss and run past you. (With) a combination of talent like that, any back will be dangerous."

Playing a position that has been almost exclusively reserved for U.S. dudes, Lumsden has become so dangerous that, after the first three weeks of the regular season, he leads the CFL in rushing with 362 yards on 48 carries. That's an eyebrow-raising average of 7.5 yards a carry — in a pass-happy league.

The Ticats have more than doubled their scoring total from the corresponding period last year — they've produced 70 points this season compared to a mere 34 in their first three games of 2007 — and Lumsden is primarily responsible for that. The 6-foot-2, 226-pounder from Burlington, Ont., has four touchdowns.

3 The number of consecutive games the Edmonton Eskimos would win by beating Toronto Sunday. Edmonton last won three consecutive in the 2005 post-season, en route to the Grey Cup championship.

• Other prominent Canadian backs?

Couldn't think of many, frankly, so Googled "Running backs from Canada." Found zilch.

Did pick up ample information, however, about an old CD from The Guess Who, called Running Back Thru Canada.

• Lumsden, incidentally, missed the Ticats' practice Monday because of general soreness. Detractors think the 28-year-old may be injury-prone. And might fumble too often … The Ticats are nine-point underdogs for their game in Calgary tomorrow … The Stamps lead the CFL in penalties (30) … From B.C. GM/coach Wally Buono, after his Lions recorded their first 2008 victory by trouncing the Blue Bombers last week: "It's about time." … Inconsistent quarterback Jarious Jackson passed for 340 yards and five TD passes in Winnipeg, prompting the Lions to drop plans to pursue another QB in trade talks … The Lions are seven-point favourites for their Friday rematch against Winnipeg in Vancouver … Despite their recent mediocrity, the Argonauts are three-point favourites over the Edmonton Eskimos for their Sunday rematch in Toronto … My back's sore.

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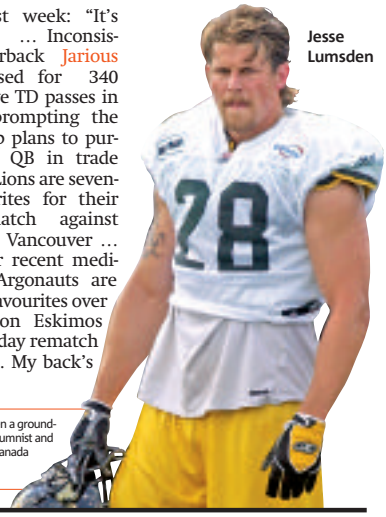

Jesse Lumsden

AL goes distance to extend winning streak

AMERICAN LEAGUE 4
NATIONAL LEAGUE 3 (15 ings)

MLB Michael Young's sacrifice fly in the 15th inning ended a New York marathon All-Star game last night, as the American League continued its domination of the National League with a 4-3 victory at the 79th edition of the Mid-Summer Classic.

The American League, which is unbeaten in the last 12 All-Star contests, last losing in 1996, overcame leaving 17 men on base, going 3-of-22 with runners in scoring position, but ending the game in the final season of the current Yankee Stadium and giving manager Terry Francona some relief.

LUCAS JACKSON/REUTERS

Minnesota Twins star Justin Morneau, centre, celebrates as he crosses the plate to score from third on a sacrifice fly in the 15th inning as the American League defeated the National League last night in Major League Baseball's All-Star game at Yankee Stadium.

Tampa Bay's Scott Kazmir, who threw 104 pitches in a game on Sunday, threw the top of the 15th inning to get the win. He was the AL's 12th and final pitcher.

Philadelphia's Brad Lidge, who hasn't blown a save or suffered a loss during this entire regular season, suffered the loss.

Home run derby champion Justin Morneau of New Westminster, B.C., led off the bottom of the 15th with a single. After Ian Kinsler lined out, Dioner Navarro singled up the middle and J.D. Drew walked. Then stepped in Texas shortstop Young, who lofted a fly ball to right field. The throw home was on track, but Morneau slid in safely, barely beating the tag try of Atlanta's Brian McCann.

Drew, who hit a two-run homer, was named the game's MVP, in the 4 hour, 50 minute contest, the longest by time in All-Star history.

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Sports in brief

CFL Lions quarterback Jarious Jackson was named CFL offensive player of the week yesterday and linebacker Javier Glatt earned the league's top defensive honours for their performances in B.C.'s 42-24 victory over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

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CFL The Saskatchewan Roughriders extended the contract of GM Eric Tillman through 2010 yesterday.

NBA The Los Angeles Clippers have acquired centre Marcus Camby from Denver for a second-round pick.

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Athletics
Dean Macey, Britain's best decathlete since Daley Thompson, retired yesterday after failing to qualify for the Olympics. REUTERS

Beijing Games

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Gyorgy Kolonics.

Canoeing champ dies

Hungary's two-time Olympic canoe champion Gyorgy Kolonics died yesterday, most likely due to heart failure, during a practise session for the Beijing Games, the Hungarian Kayak-Canoe Federation said.

Kolonics, 36, who won Olympic gold medals in 1996 and 2000 and bronze medals in 1996 and 2004, fell unconscious and could not be resuscitated, Etele Barath, the federation's president told state news agency MTI.

"There's not a whole lot anybody can say for now, everybody who was there is in shock and can't really tell us what happened," Gabor Ganczer, a spokesman for the federation, said.

Kolonics was set to compete in Beijing, his fifth Olympics, in the 500 metres and 1,000 metres double events with Gyorgy Kozmann. REUTERS

Brothers on Wright track

Pair following in family footsteps cementing in '32

TIM WIECLAWSKI
Metro Canada

For Anthony and Philip Wright, the Olympics are a family tradition stretching all the way back to 1932.

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER
Lee Wright, from left, along with sons Andrew and Phillip, relax in their Vancouver living room.

This summer, the field hockey-playing brothers will be following in the footsteps of their mother, father and grandfather when they represent Canada on sport's biggest stage.

"We're all excited, but not so much nervous, not yet," Anthony, 23, told Metro. "It's going to be a pretty unique and special opportunity. We have everything to gain and nothing to lose."

This is the first Olympics for both brothers. Anthony's coaches say he is a prototypical defencemen, with exceptional endurance and great on-field vision, who has earned 70 national team appearances.

"He can run for days and he tackles hard," said Shiaz Virjee, who coaches at the University of British Columbia. "He's one of the guys that you don't want to match up against."

Philip, 21, is an attacker with good speed. He's arguably the fastest player in the program. He was recovering from an injury leading up to the team selection and is a reserve. He will be travelling to Beijing, but will only play if another player is injured.

"He's coming along and becoming more of a player on his own and will probably represent Canada for years," said team manager Ajay Dube. "Now is just possibly not his time."

In the buildup to the Games, their mother, Thelma, has been offering them both inspirational advice — urging them to drink in the experience and make the most of the occasion, even though being third-generation Olympians has meant they are singled for added attention.

"The pressure is hard for them because they just want to be team players," she said.

Thelma knows the pressure of competing at the highest level. She ran for Canada in the 1,500 metres at the 1972 Munich Olympics and at the 1976 Games in Montreal.

The boys' father, Lee, also competed at the Montreal Olympics. It was his second Games as a member of the Canadian field hockey team. His previous time was in 1964 in Tokyo.

"We were competing in Montreal, when my father was the president of the Canadian Olympic Association, so that made it a special event for us. It was a family event," said Lee.

His father, Harold Wright, was a sprinter for Canada in the 1932 Olympics.

But while their pedigree is impeccable, in five previous Olympic Games no member of the Wright family has been able to return home with a medal.

Though the men's field hockey team's best highest placing ever was 10th at the 2000 Olympics, Anthony remains optimistic.

"Tournaments are a funny thing, and if you get on a roll, anything is possible," he said.

"We're not favoured to win any medals, but I wouldn't put it out of the question."

'I ran out of time,' Felicien explains

ATHLETICS Perdita Felicien made it official yesterday morning: She's given up hope of competing at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

The Canadian hurdler is withdrawing because of a foot injury.

"I tried as best as I could but just ran out of time," she said yesterday.

Team's effort 'unacceptable'

BASKETBALL Coming off an effort the head coach deemed "unacceptable," the Canadian men's basketball team's Olympic dream comes down to a "win-or-else" situation today against Korea.

Canada lost 86-70 to Slovenia in Athens yesterday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tomorrow's lineup

CAPTAIN CANADA Ian Millar, the 61-year-old dean of Canadian riders, has eight Olympics under his belt. He will equal the record of Austrian sailer Hubert Raudaschl with a ninth appearance at the 2008 Beijing Games. Pick up tomorrow's Metro for more.

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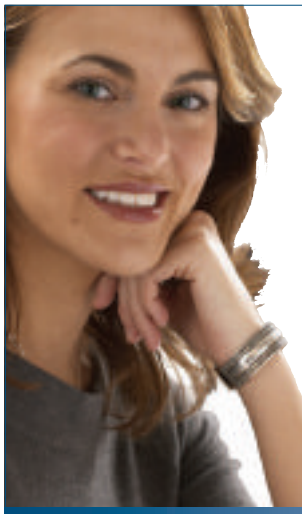
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Workology

Bottle ban

Maclean's reports a number of municipal governments and institutions, including universities, are now banning bottled water, so that may make reusable water containers, such as the one on the left, a more common sight in the quad. METRO

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Telecommute for your boss' sake

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Letting employees work from home can keep them happy, make them work harder and save employers plenty of money, experts say.

Most importantly, embracing work-from-home policies can open up a wide world of talented, experienced people ready to work but who want to limit their morning commute to the distance it takes to walk from their bed to their computer.

"There's a huge reservoir of talented people who want to work, but they want to work from home," founder and president of Weave Partners Catherine Chambers said. Weave Partners is a company that specializes in helping people work from home.

high rates

The unemployment rate for disabled workers is six times higher than the national average.

Alongside people who want the freedom and flexibility working from home brings, a large population of talented people with disabilities — including those with physical, emotional or health issues — can be tapped by letting employees work from home.

Bob Fortier, president of the Canadian Telework Association as well as head of consulting firm InnoVisions Canada, says big cost reductions can be achieved by employers as segments of office space are made unnecessary, weather and road conditions become irrelevant to productivity, absenteeism virtually disappears and health-care costs related to stress and sickness go down. He says a company could save up to a million dollars over a five-year period by moving 100 employees out of the office and into their own homes.

Fortier also says recruitment and retention of talent becomes a lot easier, letting companies hold onto skilled workers and even pull away talented people from their competitors.

"If (companies) don't start looking at this seriously, other employers are going to grab their best and brightest," Fortier said.

Of course, certain jobs fit the telecommuting lifestyle better than others — like information or telephone-related work, for example — and employees who want to approach their employer about it generally need to be dependable and have a proven track record. Data also shows that just being around in person can give a strong boost to your career despite perhaps not working quite as hard or as well as someone who works from home.

"It remains a bit of a stumbling block because we've heard employers value presence over performance in some cases," Chambers said.

Then there's the perception of home workers doing it because they're lazy, an assertion that Chambers suggests does not hold water in actual experience.

"There's this perception that people might be more casual in their home and that they might not be putting in enough time. But sometimes people put in even more time when working from home because they're not commuting and because they want to prove they are working," Chambers said.

Fortier agrees, saying studies have shown people tend to work harder when paid to work from home.

"We know from countless studies that productivity increases dramatically in the majority of cases. People feel really good about their telework experience and they work hard because they don't want to lose it," Fortier said.

Ultimately, working from home is not just a passing trend but a growing reality, born of a combination of rising overhead costs counter-balanced by the cheapness and convenience of modern communication gadgets.

"These days we can run a large multinational corporation from a Harry Potter closet," Fortier said.

Working from home can be convenient for employer and employee.

"Sometimes people put in even more time when working from home because they're not commuting and because they want to prove they are working,"
Catherine Chambers

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Make-up artists-to-be need to get out there

KRISTA MARTIN
for Metro Canada

Yasiv Marin is a make-up artist working in Vancouver. For more information about Marin, visit *www.yasivmarin.com*

Every face is a portrait for makeup artist Yasiv Marin.

The 27-year-old has been working as a makeup artist in Vancouver for five years.

"I have always been passionate about art," she explained.

"Applying makeup was something I started discovering in my early teens and I learned it very quickly all on my own.

"For me, it was the fact that makeup brightens up and beautifies any face — the endless and amazing colours, the softer and stronger applications, the different tools and techniques — everything about makeup intrigued me," she said.

Unsure of how to build a career, she enrolled in a diploma program at Blanche Macdonald Centre.

With the support of her teachers, she decided to begin her career with volunteer work in order to build a portfolio and gain valuable experience.

On a typical day, she travels to and from the homes of clients as they prepare for the best day of their lives, whether it is a wedding or graduation.

Even the most beautiful of women such as models rely on the services of Marin to enhance their best features.

Her most important advice for others aspiring a career in makeup artistry is to get as much exposure as possible.

"Get out there, take a good makeup program and then work hard to expose and really promote yourself. Don't be shy, lazy, or quiet," she advised.

Marin is positive about the career outlook, for she said there is a heavy demand by brides-to-be, graduates and models eager to launch that signature look.

"This industry is continuously growing because people are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of their personal presentation," she said.

"And that's wonderful because I love making them look and feel good about themselves."

Dismissal signs will be clear

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If your performance is being scrutinized then you may have reason to fear a dismissal.

Employers are becoming increasingly adept at covering their bases when dismissing employees. But with no legal entitlement to continued employment, no one is indispensable. Canadian employees may have little certainty these days — and less job security.

Here are some signs that you are about to be fired that I have gleaned from my clients in the workplace trenches:

• Your performance is scrutinized. Although your employer need not build a case for incompetence to dismiss you, many try to do it anyway, whether the motivation is sinister, or simply a device to measure dissatisfaction with your work.

• Having turned on you already, your employer's constructive feedback becomes scarce. Once the decision has been made, employers have less incentive to correct deficiencies.

• If you handle client accounts, these clients will slowly be introduced to other representatives at the firm. If you are only in the short-term plans, your employer will pass your work to others.

• Your work no longer merits praise, rather you are criticized for errors, however small, that were not previously remarked on.

• If your employer assumes, even incorrectly, that you are about to defect to a competitor, expect a swift response. Your computer will be monitored, or your access to the company server restricted. Watch closely as technological "moats" are established. If you do not contact your clients shortly after you leave, you will learn from them that someone else has.

• You experience differential treatment on financial terms. Incentives, such as bonuses, are the most identifiable and among the most contentious issues. With your departure in sight, your employer is disinclined to reward you — but it does not mean it can avoid doing so. Consider whether a contract defines your entitlement, your historical earnings and whether other employees received their bonus after you left.

• If you share an assistant, he or she will gravitate away.

• Memos will arrive with comments where you were previously given instructions or feedback orally. Follow-up memos confirming your conversations will also be sent.

• Your job becomes less defined. Assignments are more menial, shorter term and, ironically, easier to complete. If this persists, you may be constructively dismissed, although my advice to employees is usually to try to persevere rather than to act prematurely and risk being viewed as resigning voluntarily.

• You find your current job posted online, hopefully while looking for another one.

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I dream of Batmobile

Metro's Rick McGinnis gets his supervroom on with Dark Knight's ride

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

The first time designer Ian MacIntosh saw the Batmobile on TV in 1966, he remembers almost losing control.

"The show was great, but the car was just the piece de resistance. It was the wickedest car ever," MacIntosh says at the door of his Mississauga, Ont., car customizing space where he is building his own version of every man's dream car.

The show was Batman, the high-camp pop-art comedy show that starred Adam West and ran for two years in the late '60s and forever in syndication. MacIntosh's version of the Batmobile, sitting in front of us on the floor of his shop, is the product of over two years of labour and still a few months from completion.

If you're only used to the cherished Corgi die-cast model you owned as a kid, the first thing that strikes you is how massive it is — a long, low, lethal black sled of a car. MacIntosh's Batmobile is built on a 2002 Corvette C5 chassis that's been lengthened by two feet, and is almost twenty feet long. "It's a monster car," MacIntosh says.

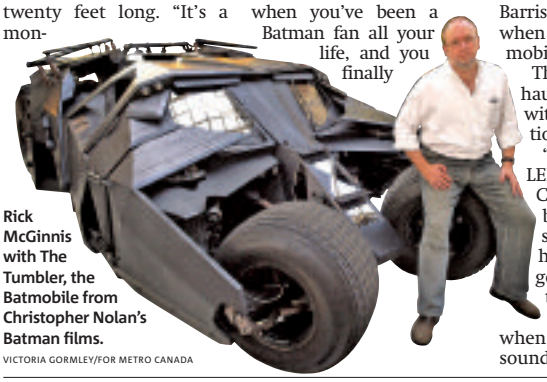
IAN MACINTOSH/FOR METRO CANADA

Rick McGinnis sits in the Batmobile being built by Ian MacIntosh in his Mississauga shop.

The rest of the building is taken up with MacIntosh's main business — designing, printing and installing those huge vinyl billboards that wrap themselves around buses and cover stretches of walls and hallways in subways and malls.

Just recently, his company was commissioned to create the murals for Dark Knight, the new Batman film which hits theatres Friday, currently coating the walls at Toronto's Union Station.

"I was all excited, because when you've been a Batman fan all your life, and you finally get a chance to work with your superhero, you jump at it."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Rick McGinnis with The Tumbler, the Batmobile from Christopher Nolan's Batman films.

"My wife thinks I'm out of my head wanting a full-sized Batmobile."
Ian MacIntosh

The car's body is rough, and Ian is going to have it laser-scanned and tweaked on the computer before being re-fabricated and sealed in Kevlar — an option custom car godfather George Barris didn't have in 1966 when he built the first Batmobile.

The famous flaming exhaust will be replaced with a slightly safer option.

"We're going to put LEDs and speakers and CO2, and that way it'll blow a replica flame so kids can walk behind the car without getting torched. And that'll be connected to the gas pedal, so when you press the gas the sounds of the turbine increase and the lights increase the more CO2 comes out."

RICK MCGINNIS/METRO CANADA

Car enthusiast Ian MacIntosh has been constructing a replica of the '60s Batmobile for two years in his Mississauga shop.

There are other Batmobiles, of course. Just after talking to MacIntosh I head down to Toronto's Eaton Centre to check out the Tumbler — the Batmobile featured in Christopher Nolan's movie reboots of the caped crusader — and the Batpod, the monster motorcycle hidden in the Tumbler's bowels.

The Tumbler is a hulking thing, more military than drag strip, and it takes its inspiration from tanks and fighter jets, not the sleek fantasies of chrome and glass and aerodynamic steel that every male, even if he's never had a license to drive, responds to with an low groan, and for which the 1966 Batmobile is a wild, wicked, supreme expression.

MacIntosh's ambition is to get his car finished in time to enter it into the Targa Newfoundland, a 2,200 km car race where car nuts can show off their rides.

He says that, while he knows how much the car has cost him, he has no idea how to put a value on it.

"My wife thinks I'm out of my head wanting a full-sized Batmobile," Ian tells me.

"How do you rationalize it? I don't know. I'm guaranteed that she doesn't like the car, but I will get her wearing a cat suit in that passenger seat if it's the last thing I ever do."

Bat and beyond

There have been countless Batmobiles in decades of DC comics, but here are a few key versions of the car, and some of their equally wicked competitors.

- **1941:** The Batmobile is introduced in Detective Comics #27, but wasn't given its name until issue #48, though it was merely a red convertible with design elements of a Ford and a Lincoln.
- **1966:** Batman and The Green Hornet debut on television the same year, introducing two awesome new cars – Green Hornet's Black Beauty (a 1966 Chrysler Crown Imperial sedan customized by Barris colleague Dean Jeffries) and the Batmobile.
- **1979:** The Dukes Of Hazzard debuts on CBS, and introduces General Lee, a modified 1969 Dodge Charger.
- **1982:** Knight Industries Three Thousand, or KITT, debuts with the premiere of Knight Rider on NBC. A Pontiac Firebird Trans Am with a cybernetic brain, it would later be upgraded to a Pontiac Banshee prototype for Knight Rider 2000.
- **1989:** Tim Burton revives the Batman franchise, and introduces a new Batmobile – two Chevy Impala chassis and a V8 engine over which production designer Anton Furst conceives a long, low machine with a jet engine in the middle of the hood.
- **2005:** Christopher Nolan rewinds Batman to the start with Batman Begins, and introduces The Tumbler, a massive, brutal machine with a military inspiration and details from the F-117 Stealth fighter that is never referred to once as a Batmobile.

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The DC comics Batmobile from the 1940s.

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Travel

Hawaiian Oktoberfest

Oahu's Ala Moana Hotel will host its 38th annual Oktoberfest celebration from Oct. 7 to 12 this year. The event attracts over 8,000 guests who eat sauerkraut and pig knuckles, and dance to the polka stylings of the Edelweiss Band. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Your essential guide to York

This picturesque city in the north of England has a great mix of old and new

EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News

York combines history and culture with great shops, high-quality restaurants and vibrant bars. A short trip from Leeds Bradford airport, York was named European Tourist City of 2007 by European Cities Marketing.

Where to stay

Budget:

YHA York International
This three-star official Youth Hostel Association property offers safe, single-sex dorms and private rooms a short walk from town. Free buffet breakfast and cheap bike hire. 42 Water End, Clifton. *www.yha.org.uk.*

Mid-range:

Farthings Guest House
Set in a Victorian house five minutes from town, this is an excellent value. Enjoy their full English breakfast. 5 Nunthorpe Avenue. *www.farthingsyork.co.uk.*

Deluxe:

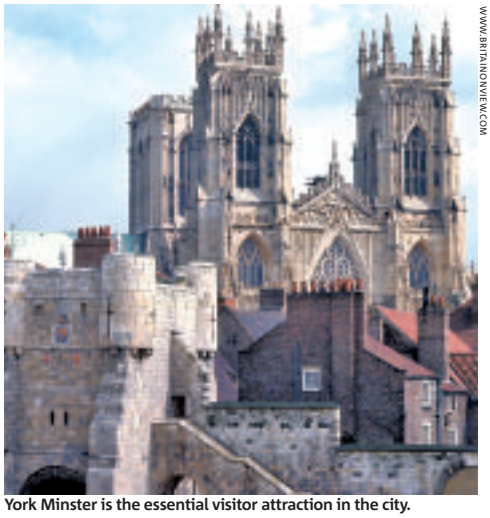
Marmadukes
Elegant and relaxed family-run hotel 10 minutes' walk from town. All 19 rooms feature antiques as well as plasma TVs, Playstation and DVD players. Beds were made by Jonathan Tebbs, who built the beds for the Harry Potter movies. From £140. St Peter's Grove, Bootham. Tel 0870 243 0765. *www.marmadukeshotels.co.uk.*

What to see

The essential visitor attraction is York Minster, the largest medieval gothic cathedral in northern Europe. Other sites include the huge Railway Museum, the Castle Museum, and the Jorvik Viking Centre. If the weather's good, see York from the river on a cruise. *Yorkpass.com.*

Where to shop

Food: York's foodie institution is Bettys, a tea-room on St Helen's Square. Feast on a traditional afternoon tea of sandwiches, scones with jam and clotted cream and home-made cakes. *bettys.co.uk.*
Clothes: Visit Coggles for designers including Vivienne Westwood, Joseph, McQ and Nicole Farhi (*coggles.com*). For half-price Paul Smith, Ben Sherman and Burberry, take the shuttle from the railway station to the York Designer Outlet (*yorkdesigneroutlet.com*).
Music: The largest selection of music is at Borders (1 Davygate). For second-hand and independent record stores, visit Gillygate.
Souvenirs: Browse along the Shambles for tourist kitsch. For candles, novelty mugs, and unusual gifts, visit Wild Hart at 21a Stonegate (*wildhart.co.uk*), and Mulberry Hall for crystal and porcelain. (*mulberryhall.co.uk*).
Markets: The daily food and clothing market is at Newgate, or stock up at the farmers' market every last Friday of the month on Parliament Street.



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York Minster is the essential visitor attraction in the city.

Where to eat

Ate O'Clock: This restaurant serves omelettes and tarts for lunch and imaginative dishes for dinner like Confit of Duck Leg on Bubble & Squeak. 13a High Ousegate. *www.ateoclock.co.uk.*
Vanilla Black: A vegetarian restaurant, the kitchen uses local ingredients for its inventive dishes, including Yorkshire Feta and Tomato Wafer Salad. 26 Swinegate. *www.vanillablack.co.uk.*
J. Baker's Bistro Moderne: Probably the finest restaurant in York. By day, there's the tapas-style menu, including Whitby Crab Salad. The dinner menu includes East Coast Fish Dumplings. 7 Fossgate. *Jbakers.co.uk.*

Where to drink

Biltmore Bar & Grill: York's most sophisticated bar. There's a bistro and cocktail bar on the ground floor, and champagne bar and restaurant on the upper level. Swinegate. *Biltmorebarandgrill.com.*
The Yorkshire Terrier: York's only brewery uses traditional methods to brew beers, real ales and bitters. 10 Stonegate. *Yorkbrew.co.uk.*
Bluebell: The Bluebell dates back to 1903. You won't find tourists in the pub, just locals enjoying an outstanding menu of bitters and ales. 53 Fossgate.

Nightlife

Kennedy's: A contemporary club on three levels, Kennedy's is great for after-shopping drinks, then live DJs play later on. 1 Little Stonegate. *www.kennedyscafebar.co.uk.*
Vudu: A late-night venue, Vudu boasts the biggest cocktail menu in town. 37-39 Swinegate. *www.vudulounge.co.uk.*
The Gallery: This disco is open all week, and offers its young clubbers five bars and two dancefloors. 12 Clifford Street. *www.galleryclub.co.uk.*

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Spelunking in the Philippines

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I imagine translucent vampires-types crawling out from the darkness, poking their flesh-eating heads out from behind giant stalagmites. I picture alien creatures emerging from rock recesses, eager to suck back my brain like a Jello shooter.

As I make my way through the cave system of the world's longest underground navigable river, a couple of things become clear: No. 1, this Filipino tourist attraction is the perfect natural setting for a horror flick and No. 2, I've been watching too much TV. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park features an 8.2 kilometre river that runs through the St. Paul Mountain range. It's located on the west coast of Palawan Island, the Philippines' largest province, and tourists can visit a portion of the river by boat.

As we approach, the smell is overpowering. It's an acrid combination of ammonia and fish sauce. "Bat sh-t," says the boatman. He reminds me not to open my mouth while I'm looking up at the cave's bat-infested ceiling.

There are thousands of bats (nine different species) living in this cave. Using their sonar skills, they flutter about, looking for mosquitoes to eat before dangling upside down on their perches.

The cave is incredible. Flooding into the South China Sea, the river has carved out a spectacular landscape of limestone chambers (the highest reaching a ceiling of 65 metres) and impressive rock formations.

Next, we paddled through a section known as the "highway." Passing through the wide colonnade, I felt like Jonah entering the mouth of a giant whale.

This underground river is vying to be named one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature, and it has my vote. The landscape is magical, engaging the senses and the imagination.

On the web

- For more information visit *puerto-undergroundriver.com.*

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Coppolas pitch luggage line
Moviemaker Francis Ford Coppola and his daughter Sofia Coppola have posed for a family portrait to promote exclusive fashion company Louis Vuitton's latest luggage campaign. IMDB.COM

Entertainment

X-Files on EBay
X-Files star Gillian Anderson is selling off memorabilia from the cult sci-fi show to raise cash for charities. More than 500 rare and signed items will be auctioned at EBay.com. IMDB.COM

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Movies tie the knot

Mamma Mia! latest film hitched to matrimonial theme

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Mamma Mia! opens in theatres this Friday.

Attention, alpha males! I've got good news and bad news. First, the bad news: There's an unlikely new trend beginning to surface in Hollywood and it has nothing to do with comic books, videogames or the cinematic comeback of Jean Claude Van Damme (sorry, dudes!).

Instead, with Friday's release of Mamma Mia!, the institution of marriage has reaffirmed its popularity once again in cinema. Could it be possible? Has Hollywood gone soft even as most of Tinseltown's divorce lawyers are busy drawing up annulment papers? Well, apparently so.

Not only does the musical Mamma Mia! tell the story of a young girl (Amanda Seyfried) trying to reunite her single mother (Meryl Streep) with her biological father, but it's all centred around the daughter's romantic Greek wedding.

It's only one of many films rocking a matrimonial theme this summer: Sex and the City has earned over $140 million with a marriage-dominated plot; Ashton Kutcher and Cameron Diaz got hitched in What Happens in Vegas; even tough guy Indiana Jones walked down the aisle in his latest adventure. In an age where the number of marriages in real life are declining, why are we suddenly seeing a more romanticized notion of matrimony in the movies?

Romantic comedies may have rebounded not as a date movie, but as a way to bond with your female friends.

According to a recent article in USA Today, perhaps one of the reasons is because women are now enjoying movies in a revived kind of way. Romantic comedies may have rebounded not as a date movie, but as a way to bond with your female friends.

As the boffo box office of Sex and the City proved, women could sell out theatres all on their own; the film is a successful rom-com that doesn't require a date. As film producer Galt Niederhoffer states in the article, "(this movie is) being bought by women and driven by them and is making money for the studios. It's a big message to the movie-making community."

The community seems to be paying attention too. Woody Allen's Vicky Cristina Barcelona, The Accidental Husband, Rachel Getting Married and Bride Wars are just a few of the matrimonial-themed movies coming soon to a theatre near you.

Which finally brings me to that good news, guys: Movies about marriage may be the newest trend but at least you aren't needed to sit through them for your girlfriend's sake anymore. Then again, aren't you going to kind of miss feeling needed by your girlfriend, guys?

No excuses for Fleet Foxes

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Fleet Foxes' debut self-titled album is ripe with brilliant four-part harmonies, minimalist instrumentation and contagious hooks.

There are plenty of rules when it comes to making music, but Seattle's Fleet Foxes only live by one: "the show must go on."

The foursome took that to heart recently, when their singer Robin Pecknold came down with a nasty illness that made it difficult for him to sing. Taking a few days off to recover wasn't an option.

"There's no reason to miss a show," says keyboardist Casey Westcott, who took over interview duties for his vocally impaired singer. "Maybe if you lost a limb, but there are no excuses when it comes to music."

Fleet Foxes determination to keep pushing ahead isn't surprising, given how textured and complex their debut self-titled album is — picture a cross between Simon and Garfunkel, The Beach Boys and Crosby, Stills and Nash and you might get the idea. It's ripe with brilliant four-part harmonies, minimalist instrumentation and contagious hooks. The disc is so remarkable, that it's tough to have a discussion about new bands without Fleet Foxes coming up in conversation. "People are having allergic reactions to the music," says Westcott. "It's a little weird."

While the band is happy for the high praise Westcott admits that he was concerned the record would never get made.

"We've been playing together since 2006 and we've been working on it straight through," he says. "We ran out of money for the nth time, so we recorded it ourselves."

In brief

GAMING A new Guns N' Roses song, Shackler's Revenge, apparently from the decade-in-the-works album Chinese Democracy, will be included in Rock Band 2, according to the New York Times. The game will be released in September. The news makes it seem increasingly likely that Chinese Democracy will finally see the light of day before year's end. REUTERS

MOVIES Heath Ledger's family attended Monday's The Dark Knight premiere in New York, where the late actor's father left the theater giving a thumbs-up sign, People.com reports. Kim Ledger and his wife Ines — Heath's stepmother — bypassed the red carpet and ducked into the theater to watch his late son in the film. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Kevin Costner had to agree to be a dad again before his wife Christine Baumgartner would agree to marry him. The actor had no plans to have more kids after splitting from his first wife, Cindy Silva, in 1994. IMDB.COM

'Unthinkable' price for Brange's babies

Even the most hardened celebrity watchers were taken aback by reports of an $11 million deal for exclusive rights to the first photographs of Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt's newborn twins.

Despite Hollywood duo "Brangelina" being one of the world's most famous couples, experts said it would be almost impossible to make back the money through increased sales and advertising.

But winning a bidding war boosts a magazine's profile, they added, and deals a blow to rivals in the fiercely competitive celebrity news world.

"This would be a world record and is an unbelievable amount of money to pay," said Darryn Lyons, who runs the London-based Big Pictures celebrity photograph agency.

Abe Peck, who was a long-time chair of the magazine program at U.S. journalism school Medill, described the reported deal as "verging toward the unthinkable."

The costs could be offset by selling secondary rights outside the U.S. market, for example, and owning images allows for follow-up stories quoting "friends" and "sources."

However, "if that price is accurate, it likely would become a loss leader for whoever bought it," Peck added.

"The big celebrity magazines might be willing to lose money in order to establish or maintain A-list primacy."

Lyons said rather than dampening enthusiasm among paparazzi in France seeking unauthorized images of the couple and their babies, the exclusive deal may actually heighten it.

"If the official pictures are worth, say, $15 million, I would say that paparazzi would be in for $5 million to $10 million on the open market. I know teams that are working in France at the moment and more paps are flying in."

GARETH CATTERMOLE/GETTY IMAGES

Brad Pitt and Angelina Joile shocked the industry with a reported $11 million deal for exclusive rights to the first photographs of their newborn twins.

The Nice-Matin newspaper, in the southern French city of Nice where Jolie had twins on Saturday, was among the first to break the news of the birth, and reported an unnamed U.S. publication paid $11 million for the photograph rights.

It also said the proceeds would go to charity.

U.S. celebrity publication In Touch Weekly actually ran a story on its Web site earlier, quoting sources confirming the birth, but it wrongly reported that Jolie had twin girls.

Still, it was closer to the truth than Entertainment Tonight, which said in May that the twins had been born.

False starts and factual slip-ups underline the media's hunger for celebrity news and its earning potential.

According to the New York Times, the top U.S. sales increase based on an exclusive was probably Jolie and Pitt's first baby, Shiloh, which helped People magazine sell 800,000 extra copies.

But that would not be nearly enough to make up the reported $4.1 million it paid for the rights.

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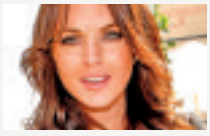
Internet income



A rise in Internet traffic is another way of earning money. When actress Lindsay Lohan posed for a set of near-nude pictures this year, New York magazine's Web site had 20 million views per day over three days, up from around 1.2 million. Over two days, the spike in traffic would have earned over $500,000 in additional advertising revenue, estimates showed.

Entertainment in brief

MUSIC Victor Willis, the original lead singer of disco-era band the Village People, was released from a San Diego hospital after vocal cord surgery and said he could resume singing within months. "I feel great and look forward to performing before the end of the year, but I can't say for sure," Willis said in a statement. His doctors have told him he cannot sing for 90 days, but he has resumed talking, and his speaking voice "sounds almost normal," his spokeswoman Linda Smith, said late Monday.

REUTERS

Miley's take on Sex And The City

Squeaky clean: In an interview with TV Guide, last week's teen queen Miley Cyrus said that one of her ambitions is to make a "younger, cleaner version of Sex And The City."

I have this horrible feeling that Cyrus is a bit unclear about just what made the HBO series a hit, and that it wouldn't be replicated by replacing frank talks over Cosmos about the female perspective on male performance anxiety with a gang of perky gal pals sitting around a Starbucks complaining over their soy chai lattes about boys who've gotten addicted to the lap dance scenes in the new Grand Theft Auto.

Or maybe it would?

Punch line: In the wake of the curious fracas about a recent New Yorker cover picturing Barack Obama and his wife in the White House dressed up as Osama Bin Laden and Angela Davis, the New York Times printed an apparently serious analysis piece on how TV comedians are having a hard time coming up with campaign trail gags about the Democratic presidential candidate.

Cyrus

"Why?" the Times earnestly asked. "The reason cited by most of those involved in the shows is that a fundamental factor is so far missing in Mr. Obama: There is no comedic 'take' on him, nothing easy to turn to for an easy laugh, like allegations of Bill Clinton's womanizing, or President Bush's goofy bumbling or Al Gore's robotic persona."

Really? So after a campaign full of gaffes like his recent call for Americans to teach their kids a second language, after which it transpired that Obama, who was raised in Hawaii and Indonesia before attending colleges with world-renowned languages programs, speaks only English himself — there's absolutely nothing that a comic can mine? Come on, people.

While most of the late-night shows have been sympathetic to Obama, their rare attempts at poking fun at him have been, admittedly, met with audience resistance, as Jon Stewart recalled after a relatively mild gag about his campaign finance platform floundered in near-silence. "People have a tendency to react as far as their ideology allows them," Stewart told the Times.

Paraphrasing the old adage that truth is the first casualty of war, it seems that comedy is among the foremost in the partisan ideological battle that's typified the new millennium so far, and it is, as far as I'm concerned, a dismal state of affairs that both sides should be able to deplore equally.

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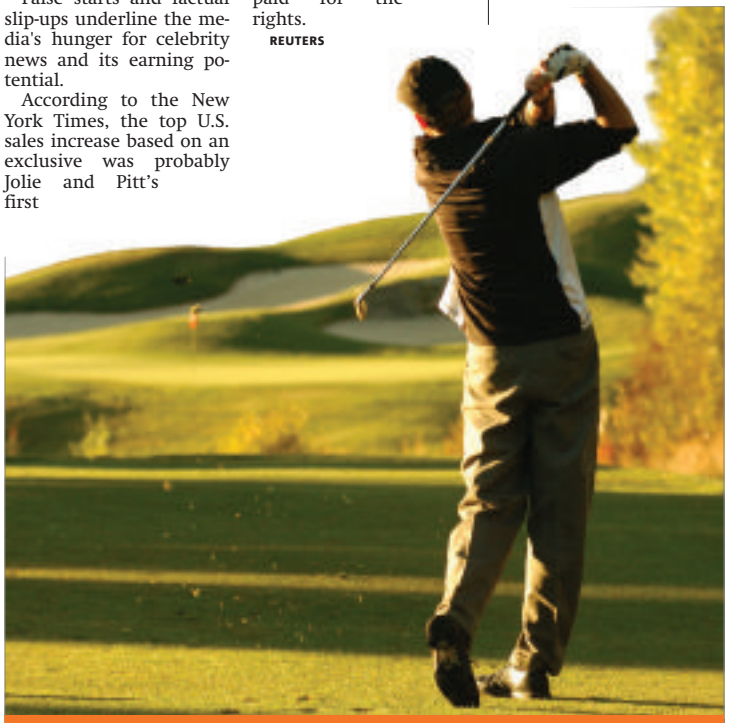

Agent Electric
Kristen Bell will return to Heroes this fall with a multiepisode arc as her Season 2 character Elle Bishop, an agent of the Company, whose power is the ability to generate and manipulate electricity. EW.COM

Ronson gives Ginger a spin

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DJ and musician **Samantha Ronson** spun at Ginger 62 last weekend, bringing out a colourful crowd of hipsters, party people and star gazers hoping to catch a glimpse of her special lady friend **Lindsay Lohan**. This didn't happen, but Ronson, who swilled Red Bull and seemed rather blasé throughout, did play a high-energy mix that included the classic (**Madonna, Michael Jackson**), the underrated (joints from brother **Mark Ronson**) and the current (**Britney Spears, Rihanna**). It was recently reported that Ronson bought Lohan a $22,000 ring from Cartier as a sign of her commitment.

Burnaby-born singer **Michael Bublé** was in town recently, frolicking through city streets with a number of ladies. According to *laineygossip.com*, on July 6, he was seen kissing a blonde and taking her back to his place, then the next day, he blew $13,000 on four designer bags at Holt Renfrew for a "gorgeous brunette." On both days, he zipped around with his respective companions on a Vespa, in a responsible act of eco-friendly philandering. As for his girlfriend of three years, British actress **Emily Blunt** (**The Devil Wears Prada**), with whom he shared a Vancouver home? Bublé's rep issued a statement last Friday saying the two have parted ways.

ANDREA WOO/METRO VANCOUVER

DJ Samantha Ronson, above, spins at Ginger 62 last weekend. Meanwhile, Michael Bublé, left, has split from his actress girlfriend Emily Blunt and has been spotted recently with a number of ladies.

Actor-turned-director **Peter Berg**, who directed films including **Hancock** and **Friday Night Lights**, will be in town Sunday when filming begins for **Virtuality**, a two-hour sci-fi pilot from **Battlestar Galactica** producer **Ronald D. Moore**. According to *hollywoodreporter.com*, the project takes place aboard Phaeton, a starship on a 10-year journey to a distant solar system. Phaeton is equipped with "virtual reality modules" that allow the crew to "assume adventurous identities," though it's unclear if "not a geek" is one of them. The pilot will also bring to the city British actor **James D'Arcy** (**Churchill at War**), who plays the lead.

Going Out

7:30 p.m. Theatre Sports. At the New Revue Stage, 1601 Johnston St. Tix: $10.50-14.50. Info: *vtsl.com*.

7:30 p.m. The Back Kitchen Release Party. At Granville Island Stage, 1585 Johnston St. Tix: $31-38. Info: *artsclub.com*.

8 p.m. The Tempest. At Bard on the Beach, 310-601 Cambie St. Tix: $33. Info: *bardonthebeach.org*.

9:15 p.m. Improv Cabaret. At the New Revue Stage, 1601 Johnston St. Tix: $10.50. Info: *vtsl.com*.

10 p.m. DJs FK5 and Mat the Alien spin funk, breaks and electrical. At Republic, 958 Granville St. Tix: $10. Info: *donnellynightclubs.com/?republic*.

casting

Ricci headed to Saving Grace

Ricci

TV Christina Ricci has signed on for three episodes of TNT's Holly Hunter crime drama Saving Grace, which begins its second season on Monday. Ricci will play a young detective who temporarily partners with Grace (Holly Hunter), whose current partner, is on a leave of absence.

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Hancock hot at foreign box office

MOVIES Hancock led the foreign box office for a second weekend, earning a huge $70.4 million US from 67 markets.

Will Smith's superhero comedy opened at No. 1 in 12 markets, including Russia ($11.4 million), France ($9.9 million), and Mexico ($4.6 million). Meanwhile, Kung Fu Pand" reached an international total of $218.4 million as it pulled in $42.2 million from 44 territories. REUTERS

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	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	The Baby Borrowers (CC)		The Baby Borrowers (N)		(:01) Celebrity Circus (CC)		News (N)
	602	568	19 W	Will & Grace	Friends (CC)	Shopping	Style by Jury	Smart Cookies	Stuck	Coleen's Real Women (N)		Stuck
	288	380	21 ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap (CC)		Supernanny "Bruno Family"		Primetime: Crime (CC)		News (N)
	-	-	23 KVOS	M*A*S*H	Scrubs (CC)	Cops and Robbersons ★★ (1994, Comedy) Chevy Chase.				Cheers (CC)	Scrubs (CC)	Seinfeld
	291	383	27 PBS	Steves Europe	Field Guide	Click & Clack's-Wrench Turns		Nova scienceNOW (N)		Carrier "Squared Away"		Cousteau-Adv.
	290	382	28 FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	So You Think You Can Dance (N) (CC)				News (N) (CC)		Family Guy
	-	364	48 PBS	Leisurama (CC)		Keeping Up	Being Served	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		Click & Clack's-Wrench Turns	
	296	654	34 SBK	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	Cheers (CC)	South Park	Comics Un.	Half & Half	Entertainment	The Insider	Paid Program
	298	653	35 TLA	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	America's Next Top Model		Pussycat Dolls: Girlicious		KTLA Prime News (CC)		Friends (CC)
	295	651	36 WGN	WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)		Family Guy	Two/Half Men	Sex and-City	Friends (CC)	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	My Wife-Kids
	297	652	37 WPX	CW11 News at Ten		Two/Half Men	Friends (CC)	Sex and-City	Will & Grace	Frasier (CC)	George Lopez	Odd Couple
	199	311	76 STR	News (N)	News		Late Show-Letterman		(:37) Big Love "Easter" (CC)		Late Late Show	
news	502	390	26 NW	Struck by Lightning (N) (CC)		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		Struck by Lightning (CC)		National
	500	500	43 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22 RSP	Best Damn Sports Show		Jays Season '08		The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Off the Record	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. (Same-day Tape) (CC)				SportsCentre
	411	457	49 OLN	Cycling		Word Travels	Globe Guides	Cycling Tour de France Stage 11. From Lannemezan to Foix, France.				
	410	403	54 SCR	Basketball: FIBA Olympic Qualifying -- Canada vs. Korea				Schwab	Score Update	Score Update		Score Update
	417	406	55 SC	Pinks Out	Pinks Out	Pinks	Pass Time	Am. Thunder	Am. Thunder	Pinks	Pinks Out	Pinks Out
	416	409	144 GLF	Footballers	Footballers	Gol TV News		American Soccer		Pagado	Kings Club	Gol TV News
family	552	543	25 YTV	Malcolm-Mid.	Prank Patrol	Fries That?	Futurama	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.	Falcon Beach (CC)		Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50 TEL	George	Merrie Melody	Loonatics	6teen (CC)	Total Drama	Futurama	Batman Returns ★★ (1992) Michael Keaton.		
	557	541	51 FAM	That's-Raven	Smart Guy	Zack & Cody	Natural-Sadie	Han. Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
	553	546	56 TRE	Comfy Couch	Rolie Polie	Beren. Bears	Babar (CC)	Backyard	Dora-Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!	The Bittles	Comfy Couch
cable variety	268	354	5 KNO	Lemur Street	Undersea	Ancient Clues (CC)		Princess Sophia		For King and Empire (CC)		The Planets
	575	583	20 CMT	Home Imp.	Roseanne	Totally "2003"		Reba (CC)	Hope & Faith	Home Imp.	Roseanne	Ed (CC)
	570	580	24 MM	America's Best Dance Crew		Born to Be	Totally Untrue	Punk'd (CC)	America's Best Dance Crew		Born to Be	Spotlight
	600	564	29 H&G	Flipping Out "The Flip Side"		Holmes	Holmes	Property Shop	City	Property	Unsellable	Flipping Out
	615	520	31 A&E	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	The First 48 (CC)		Dog the Bounty Hunter (CC)		Criss Angel
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	521	560	33 TLC	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate
	616	522	39 SHO	ReGenesis "China" (CC)		Da Vinci's Inquest (CC)		Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goalie	Big Love "Affair" (CC)		House (CC)
	620	523	40 BVO	Entourage	Bravonews	Law & Order "Girlfriends"		Without a Trace "Manhunt"		Entourage	(:45) Local Hero ★★★★	
	601	562	41 SLC	Inside Hollywood		X-Weighted		Work Out (CC)		Inside Hollywood		Trading Sp
	520	505	42 DIS	Mayday (CC)		Daily Planet Goes to Australia		MythBusters (CC)		Dirty Jobs Training monkeys.		Mayday (CC)
	522	506	44 HIS	NCIS "Red Cell" (CC)		UFO Files (CC)		Conspiracy? "Area 51" (CC)		NCIS "Red Cell" (CC)		Crime Stories
	627	528	45 SPC	Supernatural (CC)		Stargate SG-1 "Lifeboat"		Star Trek: Voyager (CC)		Star Trek: Enterprise (CC)		Star Trek Gen.
	294	650	47 TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	The Mexican ★★ (2001) (PA) Brad Pitt. (CC)		
	619	525	48 TROP	TV Made	TV Made	ET Canada	What	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)	Family Guy
	603	561	62 FN	The Next Food Network Star		Challenge Birthday cake.		Iron Chef America (CC)		The Next Food Network Star		Challenge
	626	547	57 COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Laughs	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Lewis Black	Tom Green	Daily Show
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:30) Maneater (2007) (CC)		Love Lies Bleeding (2008) Christian Slater.			(:45) The Heartbreak Kid ★★ (2007) Ben Stiller. (CC)			
	581	566	101 MTV	The Real World "Hollywood"		MTV Live	Second Half	From G's to Gents (CC)		The Real World "Hollywood"		MTV Live
	261	394	102 V	Fighting Words		Side Effects		Jeeves and Wooster (CC)		Chambers	No Place Like	Paid Program
	-	-	106 MUL	The Land	Daughters	Van. Nights	Iranian Pop	Sabor Latino		Hola Que Tal		Patrol World

critics'corner

Dirty Jobs
"Ooh! See the pretty monkey!" Or not. This episode chronicles one of the more dangerous jobs host Mike Rowe has experienced — and it took its toll on the crew as well. They travel to South Africa to a rehabilitation center and shelter for monkeys. Unfortunately for Mike and his band of merry cameramen, there's one monkey that takes a shine to their ankles — and anyplace else it can tear a chunk from. 5 PM on DIS

CSI: NY
Time travel? Are they serious? In this episode, a dying man confesses to a murder. Only thing is, it hasn't taken place yet. When the crime occurs a full 24 hours later, Mac (Gary Sinise) and his team start looking into whether time travel is scientifically possible. Sounds as if someone's been watching too much "Doctor Who," but it makes for an interesting change from the usual "CSI" formula. Melina Kanakaredes also stars in "Time's Up." 10 PM on CBS CTV

Jail Sentence
Khloe Kardashian, socialite Kim's 24-year-old younger sister, is headed to jail this week to start serving a 30-day sentence for probation violation stemming from a DUI charge she notched back in March 2007. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

Celebrity Buzz

Twain focuses on music, son

RELATIONSHIPS Two months after her split from producer-songwriter husband, Robert "Mutt" Lange, Shania Twain has found strength in the two things that mean the most to her — her six-year-old son, Eja D'Angelo, and her music, People.com reports.

"She's spending as much time with Eja as possible and hasn't put down her guitar since the split," a source close to singer says. "The songs are pouring out of her."

No doubt some of them — like many great country songs — are inspired by heartache. Twain, 42, announced her separation from Lange, 59, in May, after she found out about his alleged affair with one of her best friends.

Twain is also keeping busy shopping and travelling. The now-single singer was recently spotted buying lingerie at a Holt Renfrew store in her native Canada. She's also been to the Caribbean, where she has a villa, and to Switzerland, where she and Lange once lived together.

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Love lashes out at Corgan

DISPUTE Courtney Love has publicly slammed Smashing Pumpkins frontman Billy Corgan over his alleged refusal to attend her daughter's forthcoming birthday party, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Love reportedly unleashed a tirade at the musician on a social forum website, accusing him of making her daughter Frances Bean cry after choosing not to attend her "Sweet 16" celebrations next month.

Corgan reportedly grew close to the teen when he moved into Love's Los Angeles home in 2006 in a bid to help relaunch her music career.

But Love is adamant the rocker won't have any more communication with Frances — the daughter of late Nirvana icon Kurt Cobain — and has branded Corgan's behaviour "unacceptable."

"A sweet 16 is a big event and I think she looked upon you as family," Love writes in the blog.

Love also claims My Chemical Romance will be playing at the party.

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celebrity brief

Milano swears off baseball players

RELATIONSHIPS Alyssa Milano has sworn off dating baseball players, because they are too childish, imdb.com reports.

The actress admits she is a huge fan of the sport, and even dreams of being a star slugger.

But, after dating Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Brad Penny and Atlanta Braves star Tom Glavine, she's determined to court more mature men, like her current mystery beau, known only as "David."

Milano says, "They are grown men playing a little boy's sport. That makes them childish."

The actress, who has designed a range of Major League Baseball-approved sportswear and has her own baseball blog, admits she's such a huge fan of the sport, she dreams up game scenarios when she's trying to get to sleep.

She adds, "My stress reliever is usually baseball. In fact, sometimes when I can't sleep — because my mind is racing — I close my eyes and think about being at the stadium. I create game-winning situations."

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celebrity brief

Doherty could be returning to 90210

IN DEVELOPMENT Shannen Doherty could be returning to 90210, her rep has confirmed to usmagazine.com.

"Yes, Shannen is in discussions with the CW to be on the new Beverly Hills 90210," her rep tells Us. Entertainment Weekly first reported that the actress, 37, met with producers to reprise her role as Brenda Walsh on the spin-off.

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Moore refuses to give up racy roles

MOVIES Actress Julianne Moore is refusing to cut down on racy movie roles to spare her kids' feelings, insisting she is happy to be an embarrassing mom, imdb.com reports.

The star's latest film, Savage Grace, features a three-in-a-bed love scene, and Moore admits she doesn't consider her family's reaction when she accepts a part in a movie.

She says, "I'm aware that my kids will one day see my films and might think they are a bit arch (embarrassing), especially the nude scenes. But, there's always a point in a kid's life when they hate their mother." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Tyra named hard-working in poll

CAREER Tyra Banks has been named the hardest-working person in show business in a new online poll, imdb.com reports.

The model, talk show host and TV presenter has become a mini-imogul since she stepped down from the catwalk in 2006 — and now she has landed at the top of a new survey aimed at finding America's hardest-working celebrity.

Banks beat American Idol host and DJ Ryan Seacrest, Jennifer Lopez, Heidi Klum and Sean Combs to claim the top spot on Parade.com's annual Summer Pop Culture poll.

The poll also claimed Oprah Winfrey as the celebrity most people would like as a next-door neighbour and Nicole Richie beat Mel Gibson and Tom Cruise to become the celebrity with the Most Improved Reputation.

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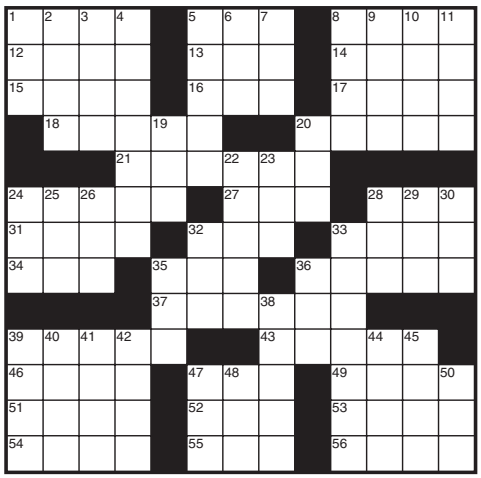
Reprising Role
Jack Black, right, will reunite with director Richard Linklater to reprise his role as substitute teacher Dewey Finn in a sequel to 2005's hit comedy School Of Rock, E! News Online reports. METRO

Take Five



Crossword across

1 Jokey magic word
5 Workout locale
8 Blow gently
12 Threat ender
13 Happy sighs
14 Jai —
15 Dialect of Sanskrit
16 Touch of frost
17 Board game pair
18 Hazy
20 Quart, plus
21 Alphabet soup "letter"
24 Water-lily painter
27 Selene's sister
28 That guy's
31 Was in debt
32 Witty person
33 Every
34 Yeasty brew
35 Low-tech cooler
36 Shop machine
37 Half-shell item
39 Dull finish
43 Bard's teen
46 In charge of
47 Morn's counterpart
49 Eurasian mountains
51 Ike Turner's ex
52 Estuary
53 Dragon's breath
54 Vortex
55 Squeal on
56 Gala

Crossword down

1 Vim and vigor
2 Norse king
3 Fjord port
4 Played possum
5 Panasonic rival
6 — Beta Kappa
7 Deadly snake of the Nile
8 Dry watercourse
9 Hit the runway
10 Sit opposite
11 Wedding-cake part
19 Understood
20 Guitarist — Paul
22 Faculty heads
23 Journal
24 Ostrich look-alike
25 Athena's symbol
26 Before marriage
28 Sombrero, for example
29 I, to Fritz
30 The lady
32 Route
33 Winter wear
35 Attacker
36 Zodiac sign
38 Buy a round
39 Dust particle
40 Not the least bit recalcitrant
41 Lean toward
42 Highchair part
44 A Great Lake
45 Rowboat's need
47 Say incorrectly
48 Itinerary word
50 Rent out

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previous day's answer

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This day in history

JULY 16, 1782: First performance of Mozart's opera The Abduction from the Seraglio.
JULY 16, 1880: Dr. Emily Howard Stowe becomes the first woman licenced to practice medicine in Canada.
JULY 16, 1941: New York Yankees' Joe DiMaggio gets a hit in his 56th consecutive game.
JULY 16, 1979: Iraqi President Hasan al-Bakr resigns and is replaced by Saddam Hussein.
JULY 16, 1999: John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, and sister-in-law Lauren Bessette are killed in a plane crash off the coast of Martha's Vineyard.

Horoscopes

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Eating habits will make trouble in transit. Tag along with someone who has something to say. You'll be more independent in the future.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A hidden agenda creates an escalation of conflict. You are the focus of attention. Don't trip over your second thoughts.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Uncertainty comes into play. A woebegone woman has won the final round. An irrational oddball creates another drama.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Tantalizing secrets will be enjoyed. A friend's gossip involves a break-up. Make your cravings known to others.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
An erratic friend causes a mishap. Glad tidings will arrive in the afternoon. A game player is too hot to handle.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Stand your ground when confronted about your feelings. Lies help you to become aware. Refuse to fear an insipid idiot.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A surly girl needs your gratitude. An excited person will give you pleasure. Find happiness by not visiting your loved ones.

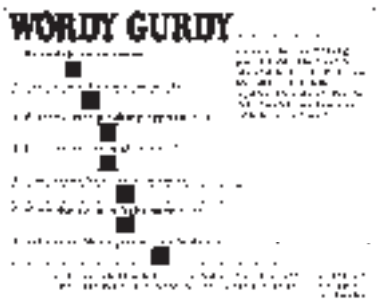
SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
A bitter relative gets used to dishonesty. Foggy thinking leads to knee-jerk reactions. Visit someone before things change too much.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
Avoid getting into a quarrel at an intersection. A scruffy guy needs help to see the future. Debate among friends will clear the air.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Find the source of your strongest support. A stern man is sentimental after dark. Unstable thoughts will cause distress.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Someone disbelieves a distressing conversation. Be subtle in your criticism of a heartrending situation. Intervention results in visits.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
A heart-to-heart talk is confusing. A weird incident leads to a problem. You won't get confused about directions.



Rick Talks Funny
Metro Canada's own Rick McGinnis debates TV comedy.
TONIGHT
at 10pm on Q, CBC Radio One

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Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

1	9	3	6	8	5	4	2	7
5	4	8	2	7	3	1	6	9
2	7	6	9	4	1	5	3	8
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3	8	7	5	6	4	9	1	2
9	5	2	7	1	8	6	4	3
4	6	1	3	2	9	7	8	5

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:
Under 13 . . . . . Genius
13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21 . . . . . Smart
21-25 . . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practicing

Vancouver weather

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Afternoon	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Partly cloudy. 23°	Clear. Low 14°	Sunny. 22°/ 14°	Sunny. 21°/ 14°	Partly cloudy. 22°/ 13°

Temperature
Normals
High: 21.7°
Low: 13°

Records
High: 29.4°/1941
Low: 9.4°/1946

Sunrise: 5:25 a.m.
Sunset: 9:11 p.m.
Moonset: 3:20 a.m.
Moonrise: 8:42 p.m.

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